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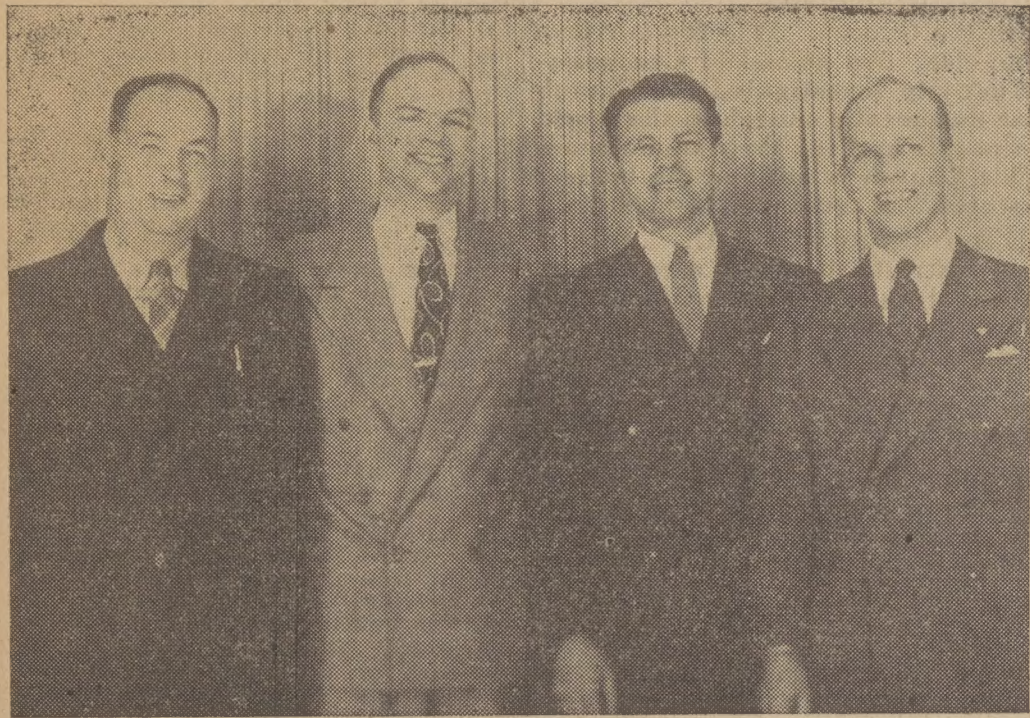
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New Bishopric San Leandro Ward



Left to right: Robert C. Stoker, Clerk; A. Gifford Jackson, Bishop; Newell J. Christensen, 1st Counsellor; David L. Chamberlain, 2nd Counsellor.—Photo by Myrtle A. Davidson, January, 1947.

Medical Aspects of The Word of Wisdom

President Emery R. Ranker, at the Berkeley Stake Conference, February 16, spoke on "The Word of Wisdom: Its Medical Aspects".

"Our youths are naturally mimics, and imitate what they see their elders are doing. Where today can youth turn to learn the truth regarding the use of tobacco? The only place that I know of is the Latter-Day Saints. Certainly not to the medical doctors, for they do not teach nor practice that which they are taught in their own medical books. Doctor Rankin then read from a large medical volume by a high authority, declarations that nicotine has no medical value, but produces paralysis, and convulsions in the human and animal body, and has the same action as hydrocyanic acid (used in death chambers), and that it affects adversely both the circulatory and the digestive systems.

It is true that the smoker does not inhale all this poison that is in the cigarette or cigar or he would be poisoned markedly, but the studies by Professor Pearl of John Hopkins University as read by Elder Ranker trace statistically the death rates of light, medium and heavy smokers (the percentage is of the number who would be expected to die at age fifty, according to the Life Expectancy Tables) reads: light, 63 percent; medium, 78 percent; and heavy, 81 percent. These tables show conclusively that the heavier the smoker the shorter the life of the smoker on the average, exceptions on both sides of the average always being granted.

"If Joseph Smith had not said anything more than is said about tobacco in the Word of Wisdom he would, on that one count, be acceptable as a prophet, for he spoke not out of any superior wisdom of his own. And yet neither in the laboratory or in the sick room have I found one thing that refutes the truth of the Gospel which the Latter-Day Saints declare. It is not easy to live the Gospel in these days. We need to seek guidance from on high so we can live it in truth and righteousness," concluded President Ranker.

Liahona Club News

At the February dinner meeting of the Liahona Club in the Coit Hotel, Oakland the new club president, William C. Evans, greeted the club members and predicted successful activities for the year and requested the support of every member. At the close of the dinner and meeting President Evans sprang a surprise on the membership by inviting them to ready themselves for a group photograph of the club, and then to present themselves one at a time for individual photographs on the mezzanine floor area.

Program chairman Heber C. Brown introduced the speaker of

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Would We Accept Joseph Smith?

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Joseph F. Merrill asked this question at the Berkeley Stake Conference February 16, and answered, "We would probably not easily accept his declaration regarding the First Vision and neither did his neighbor.

"And yet, Joseph Smith either saw that vision or he did not. It is easily the most wonderful story in print today. Read the little tract, "Joseph Smith tells his Story" and pass it on to others. This story means more to the world than any other story of modern times.

"What did he behold? The Father and Son, two highly glorified men. What was the necessity of this vision? The world had lost the true knowledge of the Godhead, a Trinity, not three attributes all joined in one being and that Being only a Creative Power, a pervading Personality, but three separate Beings.

"Why is it hard for the world to receive the doctrine as taught in the First Vision? Satan makes it hard to believe and darkens the mind. So we must go on fighting to bless and benefit men with the true doctrine of Deity, a Father who has provided degrees of glory for his children and not hell fire for eternity to honorable men who cannot believe the full truth!

"In England the B.B.S. carried addresses by a Catholic, a Church of England divine and a Free Believer, but a commentary in the daily paper declared the doctrine each had preached of unbelievers going to Hell proved there is no real kind God in their religions.

"How did Mormonism get its true and reasonable doctrine? Joseph Smith had scant schooling and no training in theology. It came by visions and revelations. He was able to explain the doctrine of Salvation for the Dead, a logical, just and merciful truth."

Music At The Berkeley Stake Conference

Berkeley Ward contributed liberally of her talent at the Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, February 15 and 16, 1947. At the 9 a. m. Ladies meeting Sunday morning Berkeley Ward's Singing Mothers, led by Helga Evans with Mary Burton as organist and Roberta Amott as pianist, rendered "The Bridge Builder" by Dougall, and "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn. Alameda Nielsen of Vallejo is Stake Music Director.

Berkeley's ward choir, under the leadership of G. William Richards with Mary Russell and Francis Shelby Berriams as accompanists on organ and piano, uplifted the audience with renditions of "Jerusalem, O Turn Thee" by Gounod, "My God and I" by Srgi, "O Glad some Light" by Sullivan, and "I Sought the Lord" by Stevenson.

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Jesus Christ The Author Of American Liberty

President W. Glenn Harmon declared at the first Quarterly Conference of Berkeley Stake Sunday, February 16, 1947 that Jesus Christ is the author of all human liberty. "There is no person in Berkeley Stake who would not lay down his life for that liberty, but how many will live his life so as to preserve the faith upon which that liberty rests," he asked. "Jesus offers us the way; what joy comes to those who grasp the opportunity. As the Utah pioneers, after crossing the Mississippi River, regrouped themselves for travelling the trail ahead, so we must regroup our membership for the trail ahead of us in our pioneering into the unknown future in this new stake. As yet we have scarcely started. Our Welfare Program is still in first stages. Furthermore we must remember that our eight wards have only four chapels."

President Harmon opened his address: "This is an historic occasion. We are making history this centennial year, 1947, starting on a trail not unlike our forefathers of 100 years ago. We face blank pages upon which to write our history for others who follow to read.

"I see one great thing before Berkeley Stake—OPPORTUNITY." Expressing gratitude for his two able, faithful counselors, for the 'most-working' high council and bishoprics in the Church," the President declared.

"One gains insight into human character in this stake reorganization work. The Gospel to some is the breath of life: to others it is just something to take or to leave, as the mood strikes.

"In one Ward when selecting a bishop we were told of one man who was being considered for a high calling that he had been heard to say that his daily work to him had always been merely a living, while the Gospel was nearest and dearest to his heart and so important that his work could be changed, as needs be, if it interfered with performance of his duties to God.

"Perhaps none of us fit our lives enough to the Gospel. I see great talent not usable because unworthy. If I could wake up some—cause them to desire to put their lives in order and then use their talents for God, how happy I would be. Let us all beware. Consider the future ahead as well as the present, the long pull as well as the day's business. If we will seek the kingdom of God first, all else truly will be added and the present and the future will be joyous and successful."

Stand On Your Feet

President Wayne E. Mayhew, at the Berkeley Stake Conference, February 16, said, "Brother Merrill and Brother Moyle have said in effect that in solving our welfare problems we are inclined to lean upon someone else, but we should 'do our own thinking, stand on our own feet, use our own free agency, and ask the Lord for help, for dependency leads inevitably to the loss of freedom.'"

Elder Mayhew declared that if he could speak with thunder, or if he could have his wish it would be to publish in every periodical in the land a sermon which he recently heard delivered by H. W. Prentice before 3000 businessmen. He wished also that this sermon could be discussed in our S. S. classes and spoken from our pulpits, and printed in our Church publications. The subject of the address was, "The Price of Freedom". During the late depression, President Mayhew said, we saw encroachment upon our freedom when the government said in effect, "We are extremely sorry to do it, but inasmuch as private individuals will not create prosperity the state, greatly to its regret, must step in and do so through outright control of agriculture, industry, banking, and commerce. And so we had the N. R. A., which was eventually held unconstitutional."

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L. D. S. Institute News

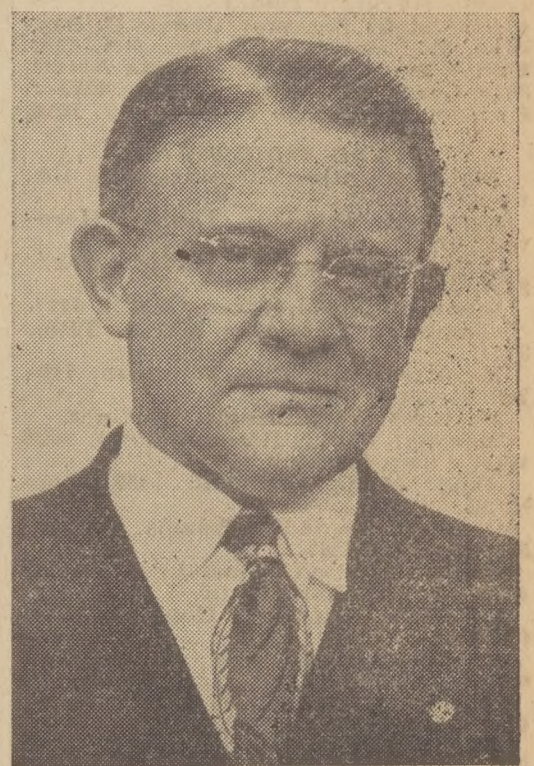
Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education, and Elder Stephen L. Richards of the General Authorities recently met with the Deseret Clubs of Stanford University and San Jose State College and reorganized their activities. The 175 L.D.S. students at Stanford and the 70 students at San Jose State are now the added responsibility of Brother Boyd who will conduct discussions at the Deseret Club meetings at each institution. Dr. West was the guest speaker at the Berkeley Institute Sunday School February 23.

Spring semester Lambda Delta Sigma activities are being guided by David Cummings, Alpha Chapter president, and Nadine Williams, Omega Chapter president. First official act of the new regime was a Registration Week Dance held February 21 at the Institute. Two pre-pledging dances will be enjoyed on March 8 and March 14 respectively. The pledging ceremony will take place Sunday evening, March 16 at the Institute.

How effective is the Institute? Contact has been definitely established with one-third of the 300-plus L.D.S. students enrolled on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. An attempt to reach the other two-thirds will be made at the beginning of this semester in the form of a questionnaire being sent out by Brother Boyd.

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Henry D. Moyle, Chairman General Welfare Committee



Conference Welfare Topics . . .

The first quarterly stake conference of the new Berkeley Stake assembled Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16 in the Berkeley ward chapel. Joseph F. Merrill of the Council of Twelve Apostles, and Henry D. Moyle, chairman of the General Welfare Committee, were in attendance.

A 6:30 p. m. Saturday the largest Welfare meeting ever held in the East Bay (101 in attendance), heard Elder Moyle answer key questions and reemphasize basis principle.

One question brought out the principle that in raising funds for welfare budgets no ward should use any fast offering or regular welfare contributions for materials that are to be later worked up into welfare projects. Fast offerings and regular welfare contributions are designed exclusively for maintenance of the needy.

STORE A YEAR'S FOOD SUPPLY

Elder Moyle stressed the urgent council that every family store at least a year's and preferably two year's food supplies. Dried wheat, peas, beans, etc., put away in tin containers and kept dry are still in A-1 condition after seven years, he said, speaking of his own experience.

"The authorities for the past 11 years have urged us to store food for one or two years. How many Saints have now done it? This question was asked by Henry D. Moyle at the Sunday session of the Conference.

"Buy a bushel of wheat, dried peas and beans, put them in cans, learn what processing is necessary in this climate, and you will have that supply ready at least. If we have the will we can find the way. What has now happened to England can happen to us. The time is coming when we must either sacrifice liberty or else live the Gospel, including the Welfare Program. If the United States is to survive and we are to enjoy the fruits of the Constitution it will be because of the Latter-Day Saints. There are no other people that have the inspired guidance that we have. We are in very fact the leaven.

"I love this work. I know there is salvation if we follow the advice of our leaders. Get out of debt. If any have trouble in doing this, consult your quorum, and there will be someone to counsel you.

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"This region needs land for growing things needed in the Welfare budget. If you put up 25 per cent locally, the Church will loan you the other 75 per cent to complete the purchase of land or to build a Welfare center. Then the Church will make you a grant of 50 per cent of the total cost. You have nearly 10,000 members in the two stakes. If you believe in the Welfare plan enough to put \$1.00 per capita into it that would raise

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New Bishopric — Elmhurst Ward



Left to right, front row: Ted Mudge, asst. clerk; Clyde Brush, clerk; back row, standing: Mylon L. Healy 1st Counsellor; Glenn C. Shaw, bishop; Charles Stamps, 2nd Counsellor.

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and he will prepare the way before
me; and the Lord whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come to his temple,"
Mal. 3:1.

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Hope Avarell, lady missionary in
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cently sent this letter to President
Paul Summerhays for The Mes-
senger:

I entered the University of Cal-
ifornia in October, 1944. I had
previously graduated from Compton
Junior College. I graduated
from "Cal" in February, 1946.

A mission had been in my mind
ever since I received my Patriar-
cal Blessing at 12 years of age,
which said I would go on a mission
as my mother had before me.

My mission has been the great-
est joy in my life so far. My love
for the Gospel has constantly
grown since coming into the field.
I first labored in Sedalia, Missouri
for five months. I was moved from
Sedalia before actually seeing the
fruits of my labors but since com-
ing over here, three of the people
we had met with have been bap-
tized. When my companion and I
were sent to Warrensburg three
months ago we were the first mis-
sionaries to labor here in the mem-
ory of the people. We rented a
small hall downtown and have been
holding Sunday School and Church
services there every Sunday, with
an average of 14 out to meetings.
We have found this a very fruitful
field and hope to have some accept
the truth before long.

One of the most interesting ex-
periences we have had so far was
having a display last summer in the
Hall of Religion at the Missouri
State Fair. We contacted people
from all over the State and were
able to explain the Gospel to very
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More Mormons in California Than in Utah

"The time is coming when there will be more L.D.S. in California
than in Utah."

These encouraging words of the future growth of California stakes
was uttered by Joseph F. Merrill of the Council of the Twelve Apostles
at the Berkeley Stake Conference, February 16, 1947.

"The Church now has organized stakes in New York and in Florida,
as well as the fifteen stakes in California. Hence the Church stands
higher in the estimation of the world than at any other time. The Lord
has a hand in thus scattering us all over the nation for in this way the
Latter-day Saints can become exemplars and teach all His way by ex-
ample as well as by words. The time has passed when canards against
our people will be accepted. People see us in their midst and observe
for themselves our manner of life."

"TO THE EXTENT THAT WE ARE ACTIVE WE ARE GROWING"

"We grow, develop and become expert only by activity," declared
Apostle Joseph W. Merrill at the Quarterly conference.

"Do not shirk from calls to serve in the Church. It is for our own
personal good more than that of anyone else. An official of Czechoslo-
vakia who observed L.D.S. missionary activity investigated the Church
and then explained that ours is the most democratic church in the world
in that the Church exists to develop the people and for their whole bene-
fit and calls everyone into service. This Church is not for the leaders
but to bless its members and all the world," concluded Elder Merrill.

Director George B. Boyd of the L.D.S. Institute of the U. C. said it
was his sole interest to see cultivated in Institute members a reality of
their nearness to God, especially in these days, the most ominous the
world has ever faced. He prayed that we may be conscious of the per-
ils confronting our age and do all possible that will help to bring hu-
manity safely through its dangers.

4-County Convention Daughters of Pioneers

On February 27th in the Berke-
ley Ward chapel the annual four-
county convention of Utah Daugh-
ters of the Pioneers assembled with
Central Committee visitors Mina
Wignall, 2nd vice-president, Leah
S. Larson, historian, and Ida
Hinckley, research editing.

A flattering attendance of 140
enjoyed the meetings and the
luncheon and the relic display
which filled the lounge with inter-
esting pioneer-time official letters
and documents and other historic
pieces. Several out-of-state Daugh-
ters from Idaho and Utah attended

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the convention. Mrs. Lee Tolman,
captain of Alameda County, presid-
ed and Mrs. Virginia Eggen was in
charge of decorations of fruit blos-
soms and also of a desert scene.
Berkeley Ward Relief Society,
headed by Anna Patton had charge
of the luncheon.

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Berkeley Ward News

A three act play entitled "Laugh
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7th at 8:00 P. M. in the Berkeley
Ward Chapel, under the direction of
Mr. Kirke Decker. The cast includes
Erma Cox, Eunice Harmon, Rose Dun-
ham, George Sorensen, Brooks Gleason,
and Kirke Decker. This group
has put forth a great deal of effort
and the public is urged to come out
and support them.

The Sweethearts Ball held Febru-
ary 14th, was a big success and now
the Mutual Officers are working on
plans for their Gold and Green Ball
to be held March 28th in the Berkeley
Ward Chapel.

Gramma Rho girls are busy on
various projects to raise money for
the Temple excursion this fall to do
baptismal work for the dead. Their
current project is assisting Genevieve
Brinton and Don Merrill with the
Era drive. Cupid has been busy among
the girls too. Their leader Irish Young
has announced her engagement as
well as have Erma Cox and Genevieve
Brinton. All plan to be married this
spring.

"Parents night" for the Theta Chi
Beta was a big success. A fine pro-
gram consisting of two songs by
Misses Marion Lyman and Marilyn
Crawford, remarks by the group lead-
er, Eugene Gibbs, guest speaker, John
Soelberg, discussed anti-racial prej-
udices. All parents are urged to at-
tend the next meeting April 27.

The next meeting for the Berkeley
Ward Camp of the Daughters of Utah
Pioneers will be held Monday, March
10th, at the home of Mrs. Virginia Eg-
gen, 286-A Rudgear Road, Walnut
Creek. Mrs. Vera Mayhew will re-
view the new book by Helen Hinck-
ley Jones "The Mountains are Mine".
A lovely program was presented
Sunday night of March 2 by the Ber-
keley Ward Relief Society, commem-
orating the Pioneer Centennial and
the unveiling of a new monument this
summer in Salt Lake City, Utah.

President Elwood F. Meredith and
his corp of ward missionaries have
held several very successful cottage
meetings during the past month.

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Gertrude Hermann



Gertrude Hermann left Alameda Ward, March 1st to become a missionary in the New England States Mission. She is the first of Alameda's lady missionaries. Every blessing attend her labors.

Napa Ward News

The bright spot on the February social calendar was the M. I. A. sponsored "Sweetheart Ball". The evening was most enjoyable and was highlighted by the election of Floriana Price to be Queen of the Gold and Green Ball on March 7th.

The diligent labor of the women of the Relief Society in serving the second ward building fund dinner on the 21st was rewarded by a gratifyingly large turnout of ward members. Washington's Birthday was an occasion for the swinging of axes, hammers, hoes, et cetera out at the orchard. A wonderful turnout of willing workers accomplished a splendid day's work. A good backache was enjoyed by all.

The now fully-officered Genealogical Society under the capable chairmanship of Brother Ted Bruerton took part in an excursion to Dimond Ward March 1st to do Genealogical research work.

The Primary children under the capable supervision of Sister Ada Balter and her associates are to present a pageant of "Story-Book Land", featuring nursery rhymes, singing, and dancing on the evening of March 21st for the benefit of the building fund. It promises to be a most delightful program.

FAIRFIELD BRANCH
Brother Ernest Oliver has been put in as second counselor in the Sunday School Superintendency.

The Branch party on February 7th was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Visitors during the month included Brother and Sister Beutler and Sister Wood of the Stake Primary Presidency.

Don Weiland



Don Weiland, priest of Dimond Ward, was recently elected president of the Student Body of Oakland High School with its 2300 pupils. Don has been a member of the orchestra and the A Capella choir. After graduation Don will attend San Francisco State Teachers' College, majoring in music.

In addition to playing the piano and making his own arrangements Don plays the saxophone and trombone, and has also organized his own band called Don Weiland's Sextette. Don's parents are Herbert A. Weiland, member of the famous Mormon Male Chorus, and Rose Weiland, living on Hillview Avenue in Dimond Ward.

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Following this arresting introduction, President Emery R. Ranker, asked four questions at the Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, Feb. 16:

- Where did we come from?
- Whither are we going?
- Where are we now—on what stepping stone of progress do we now stand?
- How do we get to our destination?

"The way is as clear to all as the road signs along the boulevards are to a car driver. We are indestructible and therefore must face eternity. I am eternally grateful that I found and have joined this Church."

Reuben L. Knight

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"THE LORD IS A GOOD PAYMASTER"

Thus spoke John Murdock of Napa, Stake High Counselor. Does Gospel living pay dividends? Does not the Word of Wisdom pay health dividends, as well as economic dividends? A friend of mine spends a dollar a day for tobacco. Does not tithing pay dividends in meeting our obligations and to keep free of debt? The Welfare Plan frees us from insecurity such as occurred during the late general strike.

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Walnut Creek Ward News

The Elder's Quorum is starting their welfare work by planting a patch of onions at Brother Ranker's.

The Senior class spent a very pleasant day in the snow Wednesday February 19. The Seniors wish to express their thanks to Brother John Openshaw and Brother Al Urens for their help in making this trip possible.

Valentine's Day was celebrated by the members of the Branch with a Box lunch, singing, and old fashioned dancing. The dancing was led by Sister Erma Whitney.

The Branch extends their sympathy to Sister Dewey Williams and family on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Sister Ada Alice Schneider.

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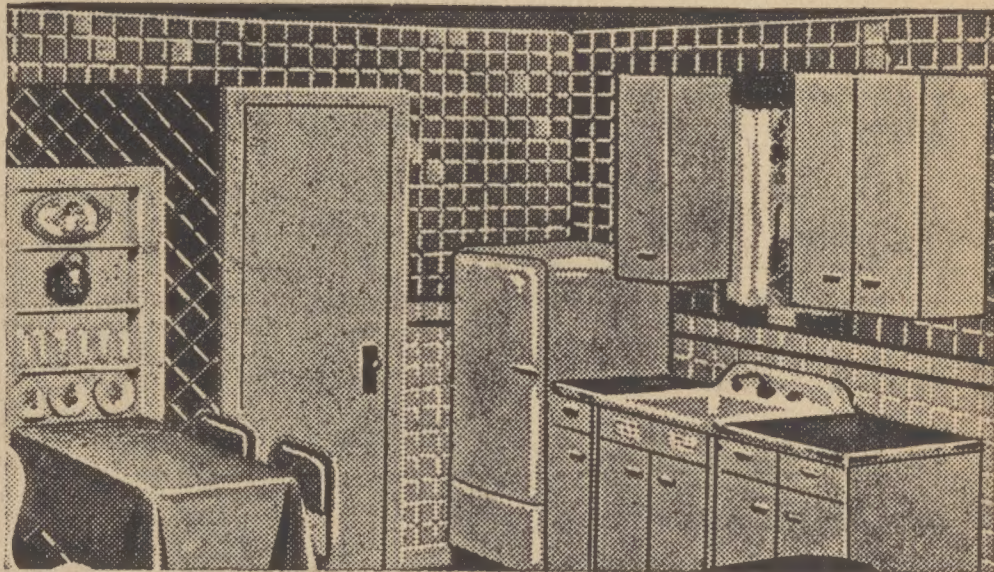
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Dimond Ward News

We want to congratulate Sidney Lewis and Paul Fuchs who were married by Bishop Wittwer in Reno January 31. . . . Sydney and Paul flew there and back . . . The ward will miss Earl Miliron who left the middle of February to go into the Marine Corps for a three year enlistment . . . We are proud of two of the boys in our ward. Success to Don Weiland student body president and to Thad Van Noy stage manager at Oakland High School . . . Jack Fitzpatrick has been honorably released and Ken Mathison sustained as Dimond District President of the Stake Mission. Thanks to Jack and good luck Ken . . . Rose Weiland has been appointed chairman of the ward beautification committee . . . There are a limited number of used wooden folding chairs available for sale to ward members. The price is \$1.00 each, as is. Contact the Bishop . . . Bishop Lauper is to be the ward representative at general conference in April and will report at a later date . . . There will be a missionary testimonial meeting Sunday night March 30 in honor of Neil McCarthy who leaves for the Southern States Mission. This is our sacrament meeting starting at 7:00 as usual. The Bishop invites all to attend and contribute to help finance the cost of Neil's fare to the Mission field . . . Coming! . . . a ward bazaar and carnival Saturday March 22 beginning at 1:00 p.m. All ward members and friends are invited to help build up our ward welfare budget. There will be hot refreshments, movies, games of skill; and cooked food, merchandise, and sewn articles for sale. Let's come out and support a worthy cause and have a good time doing it . . . The Relief Society is sponsoring a shower March 18, for the bazaar. Every woman in the ward is invited to contribute to the shower. Luncheon will follow . . . March 14 will be an old fashioned dance celebrating the anniversary of the Relief Society. All married folk are urged to attend and have a grand time. Pioneer costumes, prize waltzes and special features are in order.

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When I called there Chlo was busy in the store while Ira B. was intent in potting plants in the greenhouse that runs back from the store for here one may select her favorite rose bush or camelia for planting in the garden, or flat of bedding pansies, violas, petunias or snaps, or any flower or vegetable seed or bulb.

It was a joy also to meet the two fine sons, one in high school, the other attending a school for florists in San Francisco. A ride along Mac Arthur Boulevard and past Fourteenth Avenue will, from now on, take added interest for I know that there live Ira B. & Chlo Call in a home adjoining their "Olympic Florist" store at 1504 Mac Arthur.

December Messenger

Our supply of the December 1946 issue of The Messenger has been entirely depleted. It will cost you a penny and a little time to send in your copy, if you can spare it, but we will appreciate it. Address us at 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley 9.

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Story of Gladys Hayashi

By request this article has been furnished by a recent convert, a fine young lady of Japanese ancestry:

January 1943 marks the date of my initial contact with the Gospel. Three years later I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The intervening years of investigation were memorable ones.

It all began when, having won my freedom from the highly regimented life at Topaz Relocation Center, in Utah, I accepted a position in the Hinckley household in the Mormon town of Hinckley, Utah. How striking was the contrast between the cheerful, wholesome atmosphere that ruled this home and the utter despondency that I had just left! This was a Mormon family—in every sense of the word.

I was spontaneously welcomed into the family circle by its eight members. If I knew nothing about the Gospel and Mormons when I went to Hinckley, I left 100% wiser.

With little reluctance on my part, I soon joined with the family in ward and home religious activities but with somewhat of a passive attitude at first. As a result, my curiosity was aroused and I became actively interested even to the point of discovering that some of it appealed to me.

In addition to realizing that these people were guided by the Golden Rule, I soon detected the presence of an intangible force which brought unity and contentment into home life. Was this an attribute of Mormonism? If so I must learn more about it.

In Salt Lake, to which I moved, again residing with Latter-day Saints, I was treated with the same Mormon spirit. Through a seminary class at L. D. S. Business College and meetings of a Fireside group of Japanese-American Saints and discussions with members of the Church, the theology of the Gospel was expounded to me. So that was the Gospel in action that I observed in Hinckley—a way of life every day in the week instead of just a Sunday affair as I had thought. God a personage—now I could understand Him.

"I Know the Gospel is True"

"I know the Gospel is true through the manifestations of the Spirit to me" declared Paul C. Summerhays, Stake Mission president, at the Berkeley Stake Conference. "This knowledge we receive by obedience to the principles; by cultivating faith, practicing repentance, obeying baptism and then receiving the Holy Ghost. Thus our knowledge of God is based on the life pattern of Jesus Christ and comes by inspiration. "Even scientists attest that many of their discoveries come to them as by intuition or what we commonly call hunches," thus recently declared Willis Whitney, dean at General Electric laboratories. A Norwegian psychologist who led in the underground work in Norway during the war also declared he knew he had been preserved by God's inspiration of the hour.

There in Salt Lake, although my contacts were mostly with members of the Church—at home, at work and in social life—my interest in the Church was nonetheless attracting some derision from my non-Mormon friends. This gave impetus to a deeper study of the Gospel in order to substantiate my arguments. This added knowledge in turn, increased my desire to join the church.

When, in the summer of 1945, in the midst of this little adventure, I anticipated returning to Berkeley with my family then still at Topaz, I was engulfed by inner turmoil. I was caught in mid-stream—not yet ready to join the Church, but with enough background to hold my interest. Still, I was filled with wonder as to the possibility of falling away if I was influenced to "follow the crowd" by my old friends. But was I, after all, just following the crowd here in Utah? Was that all that it amounted to?

I was to find out shortly for in August of that year I journeyed to Berkeley. During that period of chaotic readjustment, I found solace in the Gospel. I started to attend church at Claremont Ward where I was able to attend services regularly for the first time since my investigation began. I had the opportunity of participating in programs and carrying responsibilities. Moreover, I derived much enjoyment from associating with the Saints there. Without the promptings of anyone else, I was continuing my investigation.

But in spite of all this, one question persisted unanswered: "Could I live according to the Gospel plan?" The blessings that the Gospel were, I knew, great; but so many of the little requirements appeared to be such obstacles.

In due course of time, one by one, these obstacles were no longer obstacles; and one day I knew for a surety that I was ready to ask for baptism. How this came about, I myself cannot explain, but I could feel that the veil of doubt had been lifted.

I am proud to say that I am a Latter-day Saint. I am grateful for the effective manner in which the Gospel was presented to me—as a pageant enacted on a stage where I was one of the cast.

L.D.S. Institute News

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These questionnaires, if all returned, will help the Institute officers determine how many students are otherwise so involved in Ward work or otherwise that they cannot participate in Institute activities.

Under the auspices of the Institute Priesthood group, a Sunday evening service was presented by the men and women of the Institute at the Berkeley Ward on February 2. The Priesthood group of the Institute will present its next mobile meeting in Pittsburg Ward on March 9.

J. Wiley Sessions, director of Religious activities at Brigham Young University, was a guest of George T. Boyd at the Institute while attending the Pastor's Convention held at the Pacific School of Religion during the week of February 17 to 21.

Priesthood Work Getting Down To 'Brass Tacks'

"Berkeley Stake has 4854 members of record, in eight wards and one branch," observed Elder Joseph F. Merrill at the Berkeley Stake Conference.

"Fewer than 50% of our boys attend their quorum meetings. If this same poor record were found in our public school attendance drastic reforms would follow. Are we going to see these boys? Bishops have quorum advisors to go after these youths. Too many boys are not holding the priesthood (21 in all). Much work needs to be done for the 214 adult "Aaronics" in the stake when only 15 per cent are somewhat active. This is a promising field for faithful brethren."

"Our stake average in ward teaching is yet only 25%. How to improve this? The bishops formerly followed rule of one job for one person; this has resulted adversely to ward teaching. Now the rule is that no one is exempt from serving as a ward teacher."

Melchizedek priesthood attendance at quorums is too low; less than 50% and so also for tithing. All need constant quorum visits to encourage the family prayer and observance of word of wisdom. A committee to labor with smokers is an essential in every quorum."

Stand On Your Feet

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Mr. Prentice declared in his address that, "It is the duty of government to do forward planning in respect to fiscal policy, taxation, public health, and the national defense. Compulsory planning and control of the nation's economic life, however, is in a totally different category . . . It is the abolition of all limitations on governmental power."

"The long history of men's struggle for freedom indicates that a part of the price we must pay for it is the willingness to assume a large measure of responsibility for our own physical well-being. Whenever men have endeavored to transfer their economic responsibilities to . . . government, they have eventually reared a frankenstein monster that has turned and devoured their political, intellectual, and spiritual liberty."

Words of President Truman wherein he called on God for guidance were highly commended by Elder Mayhew who also warned of the presence of subversive elements in our government and elsewhere, quoting A. A. Berle, former Asst. Secretary of State as saying, "The government will gradually come to own most of the production plants of the United States", and Harry Bridges, labor leader who recently declared, "If all CIO members could understand what united political action means there might not be any more employers or private industry in the United States."

Elder Mayhew prayed that God would help us "cherish and guard our freedom which is our priceless heritage".

San Leandro Ward News

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all other things will be added unto you."

Zion is growing, and San Leandro Ward is doing its part to aid in the growing. Under the capable direction of the new bishopric and their able officers and teachers the work is rolling forward. All of the auxiliaries are organized, and carrying out their share of the program.

Highlighting the spiritual activities of the ward this month have been a series of outstanding sacrament meetings. On February 9th the time was divided among the bishopric. Each member told of his particular duties and bore testimony to the divinity of the work that is to be performed. On the 16th the meeting was under the direction of the visiting members of the Stake High Council. Brothers Rufus O. Phelps and Archie Inger left a heart-warming message with the congregation. On the last Sunday of the month the Elders' Quorum inaugurated a series of Gospel Dissertations to be presented at the pleasure of the Bishopric. The first two subjects were "The First Estate of Man" and "The Purpose of Mortal Probation." They were presented by Elders Wilford Nelson and Howard Marsh. A special Elders' quartet rendered "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." The singing group consisted of Elders Rowberry, Nelson, Wells, and Marsh.

The San Leandro Fireside Group combined with the Elmhurst group to enjoy a day in the snow. On February 22nd forty of our young people traveled by auto to Pinecrest, spent an enjoyable and invigorating day and returned home early in the evening. This group is continuing its fine activities, and is getting as many young people to its meetings as were attending the combined Elmhurst-San Leandro fireside before the division of the wards. Elmo and Vaughn Moody are our supervisors.

Eugene Jacobs' Bakery . . .

While the bakery business which Eugene Jacobs has recently purchased at 1558 - A Solano Avenue, Berkeley is a well-established business, it is a new role for Eugene to fill, but one which he seems to fit into with the "greatest of ease".

When we visited the "Carrion Bakery", as the sign still nominates the business at the above address, (but which will soon be changed to its new name) we found two very busy sales ladies in the front waiting on customers buying the "home-baked" pies, cakes, rolls, and particularly the fine looking loaves of bread fresh from the oven that very morning. As we were led on a tour of inspection by our friend, Brother Jacobs, long a resident of Dimond ward but former bishop of Oakland ward, we noted the two white-robed and capped bakers kneading dough, tending the two great ovens, and otherwise busy in making all the tempting articles we had seen as we entered the store. Still farther back was the storehouse piled high with the supplies of flour, shortening, etc. and also a neat separate little home in which now reside the married son, Eugene Jr. and his wife Rebecca.

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Liahona Club News

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the evening, Tom S. Ferguson, who addressed the club most interestingly regarding an account of a recent airplane trip he made over the old ruins in the forests of Central America, and of conversations he had held in Mexico City with tourists regarding the only source-book we have of the people who built those ruins, namely the Book of Mormon. Tom is preparing a publication growing out of these and related studies of Book of Mormon problems.

Membership chairman, Herb Van Noy, announced the opening of a drive for increased membership in the club. It is the desire of the committee to extend to all LDS business men in the entire Bay Region a hearty invitation to join the Club and help to advance the welfare of all. Names of such persons, as far as known, were divided among the members for personal contact and all others are invited to get in touch with Herb Van Noy at OL 1216 or residence phone AN 3328.

Boy Scout News

Berkeley Scouts

The second weekend in February is always a big one in the scout world, as the birthday of scouting is then celebrated throughout the nation. This year's scouts were as busy as any of their predecessors have ever been.

On Friday and Saturday nights our entire Berkeley ward troop demonstrated the merit badge in Chemistry to the general public at the council exhibit held in Whittier School, winning the coveted blue "Proficient" ribbon as well as the attention of all who came into the general vicinity of their booth. Highlights of the exhibit were the actual "making" of the gases oxygen, hydrogen, and ozone.

Sunday night the survivors presented the program designed and presented in keeping with the Scout Meeting standards. Short talks on the Scouts of 1847 and their spiritual pioneering were given by Scouts Bob Larsen, Dick Baer, Marlo Andersen, and Bob Lindblad. Music in the form of a piano solo was rendered by Scribe Ted Baer. Also on the program were Scouts Glenn Harmon and John Franz, Jr. S. M., Bruce Merrill, Scoutmaster Bob Johnson, and Scout Executive Victor Lindblad. The Sacrament was served by Scout-Deacons. Congregation singing was led by good scouts Mary Watkinson and Betty Morris, both of whom had scouts for brothers. It is rumored that Berkeley's Scouts slept like logs on Sunday night.

Troop 25 Napa Ward

The Napa Ward Boy Scout troop with Brother Charles Okerlund as Scout Master was re-registered for the coming year with the Silverado Area Council on February 28th with eleven boys in the troop and five more to be registered in the near future.

The boys of Troop 25, with Billy McBride in charge, officiated at the raising of the flag in front of the Napa County Court House and the Senior Scouts officiated at the lowering of the flag on Wednesday of Boy Scout Week. The troop had an interesting display in the window of Ammons and Murdock during the Boy Scout Week.

A Board of Review was held February 28th and three of the boys, Dennis Ichtertz, Kirk Okerlund, and Robert Keller were advanced to First Class.

An overnight hike to the ocean was scheduled for the week-end of the first of March and promised to be fun for the boys.

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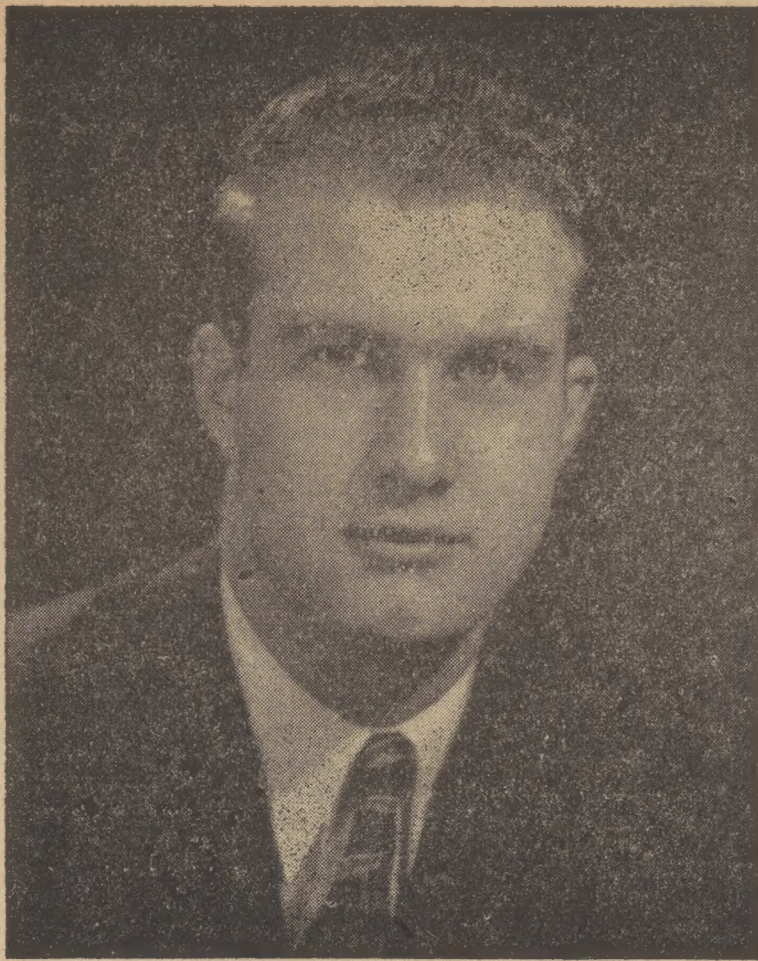
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Armand L. Mauss, son of Bishop and Mrs. Vinal Mauss of Oakland ward, left for the Mission Home the day after he had been given a farewell party on Tuesday evening, February 25. Elder Mauss will labor in the New England States Mission. An elder's quorum committee, consisting of Gus Nordstrom, Bert Wheable, and Don Wall had charge of the farewell testimonial.

Prophetic Healing

A spirit of great spiritual unity, love and consequent power was present among the local brethren and the visiting authorities, Harold B. Lee and Clifford E. Young, at the October, 1946 Quarterly Conference of the Oakland Stake.

When the time came for setting apart High Councilors for Berkeley Stake, Allen B. Snowball was set apart first at his request so that he might return to his home in Fairfield to care for his invalid wife. During the ceremony of laying on of hands, Brother Lee said, "Because of your faithfulness I bless your wife that your desires and wishes in her behalf shall come to pass. And when you return home this night you will see the fulfillment of this blessing made manifest."

When Brother Snowball returned home, he found his wife up and dressed for the first time in over five months. She was in the kitchen preparing the evening meal. After the meal had been eaten, she said, "I am going to wash the dishes," and when her husband asked her if she was not overdoing it she insisted that she should not only wash the dishes but dry them also.

She stated, "I feel as though I am well now, but that I will need time in which to get my strength back." Since that time she has continued to improve and has been doing her own housework. Her illness dates back to an attack of "heart trouble" which took her to the hospital for care and treatments. Indeed, sacrifice brings forth heaven's blessings. In spite of the illness they were united in the discharge of a high councilor's duties and make sacrifices as were needed for this and other duties.

Conference Welfare Topics

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Oakland Ward News

Betty and Edward Ogden are now very proud parents of an 8 lb. baby girl, Susan Elayne. Mother and daughter doing fine.

Estherella Kaleikau our new choir director is preparing the choir for their Easter Cantata, and the Centennial Festival. We all wish Estherella lots of success in her new duties and offer her our cooperation.

The following were baptised on February 1, 1947: Leone Afton Musser, Beverly Jean King, Carol Joyce Hunter, and Irvin Charles McClay.

Paul Thomson & wife of Salt Lake City, formerly of Oakland Ward, announce the birth of a son on February 12th. Congratulations to the Thompsons. The Singing Mothers have formed their organization for this year with the following officers: Director, Ethel Mauss; President, Amy Richardson; Secretary, Cleo Ricks.

On Tuesday, February 25th, a very delightful farewell party was held for Elder Armand Lind Mauss, the son of Bishop Vinal Mauss and Ethel Mauss.

Come one, Come all! Have a gay and hilarious time at the Oakland Ward carnival Friday, March 21. Keep this date open!

Bishop Mauss and family and Lenea Farnsworth accompanied Armand to the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, where they will spend two weeks with family and friends until Armand is ready to leave for the New England States Mission.

Sergeant Richard Bliss has returned to Monterey after spending several days visiting his family and friends.

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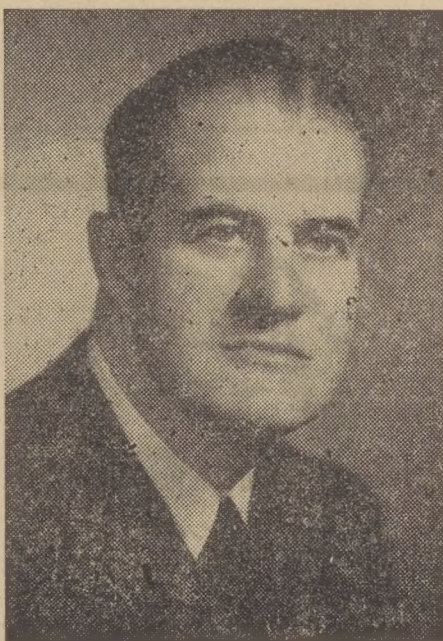
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Don Kimball is serving the city of El Cerrito as president of its Chamber of Commerce, and conducts four businesses in El Cerrito and Richmond. Three years ago he and his wife arrived in the East Bay region and put up in their trailer at the "Peek-a-Boo Trailer Camp in El Cerrito. Within a few weeks they had purchased the camp which they still operate. In the last three years they have developed that beginning to also include a home trailer sales lot and trailer "dolly" coupling invention business of large national scope. Now the Kimball Coach Manufacturing Company has been organized and a new sheet-aluminum plant, 100 by 110 feet, erected in Richmond where is being manufactured trailers of the greatest magnificence your editor has ever seen, possessing even hot and cold water shower baths, for instance.

The writer first met Mr. and Mrs. Don Kimball at Church in East Richmond ward last fall. We are sure that we express the wishes of all local LDS colony for the continued success and prosperity of brother and sister Kimball. We are sure that a visit to their various places of business will receive a hearty welcome from the Kimballs and a pleasant surprise to the visitor.

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Alameda Ward News

Joseph Knowles Everton Jr. weighing eight pounds, ten ounces arrived February 4, at Alameda Hospital.

Wendell M. Jensen has been sustained as teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class. He replaces Frank Miller who is now president of the Sixth Quorum of Elders.

Elders of the Ward entertained their wives and friends at a most enjoyable party, Saturday evening, February 15. This month the party will be called "The Galloping Nightmare". Watch for further announcements regarding monthly events.

Six of the seven presidents of the 24th Quorum of Elders were in Alameda Ward February 23, and presented a most interesting program on missionary work. Gene S. Hilton was in charge. President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton were also special guests.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Amelia Everett on Thursday February 20, to organize an Alameda Camp.

M. I. A. is now being held each Thursday evening at Woodstock Hall—1701 Second Street. "Let's Go To Mutual."

On Wednesday evening, February 26, a farewell party (personal shower) was given at the home of Mrs. Thys Winkel honoring Gertrude Herrmann, Alameda Ward's first lady missionary. Forty five ladies were present. Sister Herrmann left Saturday March 1, for the New England States Mission.

By request, the concert recently presented at Berkeley Ward by Emma Stam, Rollin Jensen and Eleanor Jensen will be repeated at the Adelphian Club in Alameda soon. Proceeds will go into the building fund.

Vallejo Ward News

In an unusual setting depicting the Valentine theme, the M. I. A. greeted their guests at a "Sweetheart Ball" February 14. The hall was lovely and a huge revolving heart which hung from the ceiling shone brightly throughout the evening making the only light in the ballroom.

Mr. Perry Lane, Vallejo Manager of Western Union, has been advanced to a higher position as manager of the Sacramento office. He, with his wife and daughter, will be greatly missed in the ward as they contributed much to its success while here.

In a chorus, directed by Clarence Lewis, the M. Men and Gleaners presented music at the M. I. A. quarterly conference session in Berkeley.

The Relief Society Singing Mother's were honored to present a musical program to the Vallejo College Women's Club. At the close of the evening, the director, Mrs. Almada Nielsen, was presented with an orchid.

The Singing Mother's are rehearsing the Easter Cantata and Pageant, "Resurrection Morning", by B. Cecil Gates. They will present this April 4, for the patients at the Mare Island Hospital, April 5, to the Disabled Veterans in Yountville, and the final performance will be Easter Evening at the church.

As a means of raising funds to complete the chapel, the Finance Committee, with Henry Neerings as chairman, is planning a dinner to be served from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church on March 14. Reservations must be made in advance with any of the committee or Bishopric. Entertainment is also being planned to make this a delightful evening for everyone.

The Primary children were delightfully entertained at a Valentine's party on February 12. Games, refreshments and a program in which the children stood in a huge Valentine to recite poems and sing songs made the party a big success.

March 17, is the birth date of the Relief Society. To celebrate this day, the Vallejo ladies with their partners are anticipating a turkey dinner and an evening of entertainment.

The Sunday School and Mutual organizations entertained at a party, February 19. After games and dancing, refreshments were served to sixty guests. Several retiring officers of the Mutual were presented with gifts.

VALLEJO SCOUT NEWS

Two scouts representing our troops as City Officials in the City Boys Government day, were Ray Telford, who acted as Clerk of the City Water Department and Raymond Pederson, who was City Engineer.

Boy Scouts of troop 19 and their leaders, gathered at the church, Saturday morning, February 22, and did an excellent job of cleaning the grounds before departing for a swimming outing at Berkeley.

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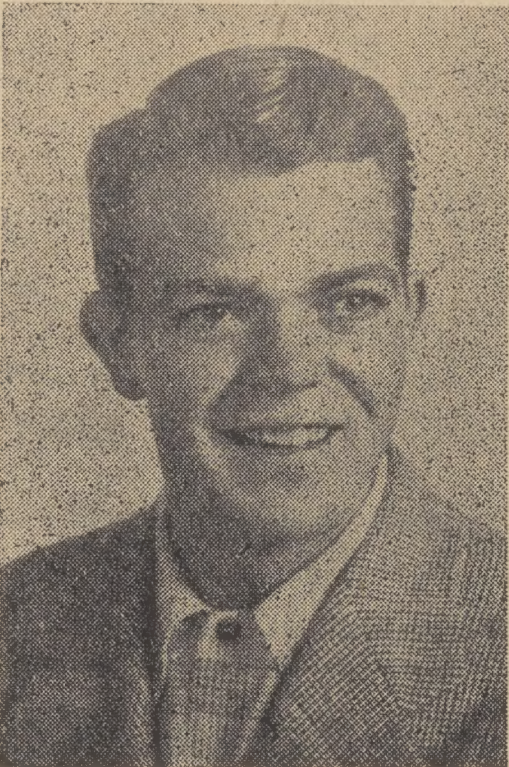
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Sterling Yeaman of Alameda Ward entered the mission home in Salt Lake City on the 21st of May 1946 and sailed from New York for Argentina on the 6th. of June. He is at present working in the La Plata district not far from Buenos Aires. Friends of his were pleased recently to see a picture in the Church News of him and his companion with the first primary that has been held in that district since the war. Sterling did not know the Spanish language at all when he arrived in Argentina and reports that he spends an average of two hours each day studying it and has now become quite proficient. He also reports a great interest in the English language. He teaches a class in English which has been very successful. The missionaries participate in sports and Sterling reports that the missionaries and local Mormons recently won two base ball games in competition with the local clubs. It is evident that Sterling is enjoying his work as a missionary. He writes of wonderful testimony meetings and of how the spirit of the Lord is manifest in their work. We are all glad to hear that Sterling is enjoying his association with the people of Argentina and wish him much success in his glorious undertaking.

At the outbreak of the war he volunteered for service in the Coast Guard.

On the eve of his departure, as he returned from seeing guests home from a goodbye party given in his honor, he had the misfortune to be involved in an automobile accident which hospitalized him for nine weeks and prevented him from

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Send all questions and answers to Mrs. Leone Bailey, 2920 Grove Street, Oakland 8, California, or call her at Higate 3296.

To conserve space the term "data" as used in this column signifies request for ancestry with dates and locations.

Q-24 Data of John King, born 1765, of Ashfield, Franklin County, Mass. He died 2 Nov. 1855, Dresden, Washington Co., New York. His first wife was Sarah Hawkins, born 7 Nov. 1762, New Milford, Conn.

V. B. F.

Q-25 Data of Esious (Elias) Jewell, born Three Rivers, St. Joseph, Michigan, and of his wife, Adretta (Eddretta) Lake. Their daughter, Sarah Ann Jewell was born 5 Mar. 1814, Boughman, Dutchess Co., New York.

V. B. F.

Q-26 Data of John Bacco and wife, Mary Dove. Their son, William was born 29 Feb. 1792, Middle Raisen, Lincolnshire, England, married Sarah Brough.

W. L.

Q-27 Data of Thomas Fish whose son Thomas married Grizzle Strange 10 Dec. 1668, Portsmouth, N. H.

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Q-28 Data of John Strange and wife, Alice whose daughter, Grizzle married Thomas Fish, (above).

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Q-29 Data of Amy Pettis born 23 Dec. 17 4, Newburg, Pike Co., Ill. She married Joseph Wing 24 June 1804.

W. L.

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We have information on the following lines. Write us if interested. Abbe, Allen, Ames, Andrews, Ashby, Baker, Barnard, Beers, Benjamin, Bent, Bigelow, Bishop, Bisell, Buell, Bursley, Cobb, Collins, Cooke, Cope, Cotton, Davis, Dawsett, Death, Decker, Dimick, Drake, Farrar, Felt, Foster, Fowler, Gibson, Gilbert, Goodale, Goddard, Goynes.

If you wish to obtain any information on the above lines send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the editor of this column. Other names will be listed in subsequent publications.

taking up his duties in the Coast Guard. When he was again on his feet, Sterling joined the merchant marine and served throughout the war and received three decorations for his service. He continued to work on the ships until his call to go into the mission field.

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News From The Southland

"We do not attend Errol Flynn pictures. We do not attend Charlie Chaplin pictures, nor do we attend the pictures of several other film stars whose unsavory exploits have been front page material... Regretfully we've decided that Lorraine Day's name must be included in our small boycott list... We have followed her career with interest and pride... That she has now placed herself in a position which calls for stinging criticism from judges, churchmen and the public in general is most regrettable... We're sure that no one would begrudge Lorraine her happiness but only spoiled children believe that their pleasures and wants supercede all else in life."

Thus does Ned Redding "speak out in meeting" in the LDS newspaper he manages in Los Angeles.

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

"The Sons of the Utah Pioneers, Los Angeles Company, will have the honor of choosing five delegates from among their number to participate in the much publicized Pioneer Trek from Council Bluffs to Salt Lake City, July 14 to July 22 as part of the Utah Centennial celebration.

MORMON BATTALION CENTENARY

"The unparalleled 2000-mile infantry march of the Mormon Battalion was concluded 100 years ago. On January 29, 1847 Battalion members reached San Diego ragged and weary. Those intrepid pioneers of the West were honored at Centennial ceremonies January 25 in San Diego. Several hundred people gathered at the beautiful Presidio Park, where some of the Battalion members were quartered upon arrival in that California City."

PROJECT FOR PROCESSING WHEAT

"North Long Beach Ward is finding its project for processing wheat a popular and successful one. As a welfare project, the ward constructed a brick oven in which to treat grain so that it would keep. This wheat, sealed in gal-

lon cans, and also "untreated" wheat, is sold to anyone desiring it.

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Rollin Jensen



Rollin Jensen, Emmy Stam and Eleanor Jensen soon will present another concert, this time in Adelphian Club, Alameda. Rollin recently won in an East Bay interschool piano event.

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Sacramento Stake News

President and Sister Stephen E. Busath are names featured in today's news on account of the birth of their first grandchild, a little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Busath. Congratulations, grandpa and grandma!

A very enjoyable affair of the season was a buffet supper given at the home of Bro. and Sis. H. L. Griffin, for the members of the Stake Presidency, the High Council and their wives. Pres. Fenton L. Williams was the chairman in charge of the committee.

The members of the Roseville Ward were the hosts and hostesses at the Sweetheart Ball for the northern part of the Stake, February 14th. The affair was semi-formal and corsages were sold at the door by the Primary Association.

The members of the High Priests Quorum of the Stake, and their wives, met in the Recreation Hall at Stockton recently at a social affair at which Bro. and Sis. Edson V. Call and Bro. and Sis. Edward Howard, all recently returned missionaries, were the guests of honor. Ernest Landward of the Stake High Council was the Master of Ceremonies, and put over an excellent humorous program of stunts, readings and songs, followed by dancing and refreshments.

The Stake Special Interest Group Centennial Ball held in the Sutter Ward Recreation Hall on the evening of February 21 featured the wearing of old-fashioned pioneer costumes and the dancing of old-fashioned dances.

President Busath and members of the building committee report that they are progressing on their Stake Welfare Center. The plans are now complete and they hope to start building in the very near future.

The Stake Calendar for the month of March includes:

Stake Conference March 8th and 9th, Sutter Chapel.

Stake Green and Gold Ball, March 28th, Memorial Auditorium.

Aaronic Priesthood Award Banquet, March 22, Sutter Ward.

L.D.S. Girls' Award Banquet, March 31, Sutter Ward.

Conference Attendance Compared

The attendance at the old Oakland Stake Conference held in March 1946 was 873 for the morning session and 757 for the afternoon meeting. Comparable figures for the first conference of the new Oakland Stake held January 26, 1946 were 802 and 594; those for the first conference of the new Berkeley Stake 703 and 526. Adding together the figures for the two new stakes in their first conferences we have for the morning sessions 802 plus 703 or a total of 1505 in contrast to the 873 at the morning session of the March 1946 conference of the old Oakland Stake conference, an increase of 73.5%. Likewise adding the figures for the two new stakes afternoon sessions we have 594 plus 526 or a total of 1120 in contrast to the 757 at the afternoon session of the March 1946 Conference of the old Oakland stake an increase of 48%. It will be noted that Oakland stake had 99 more in attendance at their morning session and 68 more in the afternoon than did Berkeley stake at their morning and afternoon meetings. The attendance honors this time go to the smaller but more compact stake.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates
 San Francisco—March 22-23; June 7-8; October 11-12.
 Oakland—April 12-13; June 28-29; October 25-26.
 Gridley—April 26-27; August 23-24; November 8-9.
 Berkeley—May 3-4; August 30-31; November 15-16.
 Palo Alto—May 10-11; September 6-7; November 22-23.
 Sacramento—March 8-9; May 24-25; September 20-21; December 6-7.

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I thank God for his kindness in letting me live in a time when His church is on the earth and ask that more of my brethren and sisters will read the Book of Mormon and through it learn of His true Gospel.

Carol Davidson
 Gleaner
 Fireside Group
 San Leandro Ward

Martinez Ward News

Werner Von Drop and Brandon Kent, recently released from the S. S. Superintendency, are now serving as stake missionaries in the Martinez District. Our new S. S. heads are Edward Clayton, David Clayton, David Clayton, and Meryle Skidmore. An initial meeting of the year for the adult Aaronic priesthood was held February 12 at Wm. Kenneth Skidmore's. Two other fine meetings have since been held with Brandon Kent as group leader. The two skating parties of Martinez have been lots of fun for all one a December roller skating party in cooperation with Pittsburg and Walnut Creek, the other an ice skating party at Icedale in Berkeley, January 17th. The M. I. A. held a happy ward Valentine's dancing party. The large birthday cake was inscribed "Happy Birthday to Val and Ira", for the unique reason that the day, February 14th, happened to be the birthday of the two presidents of the M. I. A., Valentine Dahlin and Ira Markham. Leslie E. Korth has been chosen ward scout master with Ivan Haslam as assistant. All concerned are enthusiastic over plans for the future. We are glad to report the return to their respective homes of several members of the ward who have recently been hospitalized, among them being Sister Roskelly, Kenny Dahlin, John Carlston, and Sisters Carter and Bunce. Several are rejoicing over special blessings following administration of the Elders. Every second and fourth Saturdays the ward has the use of the Martinez Junior High "gym" for basket ball. "Coach" Allen Hardy extends a hearty invitation to young and old to come and enjoy the fun.

Saturday, Feb. 15th saw the resumption of construction work on the Martinez Ward Welfare Building. A roof is expected to be on in the near future.

Pittsburg Ward News

An amateur night held on February 25th at M. I. A. was extremely successful. Pittsburg people "Let their hair down" and talent was rampant. Serious and humorous stunts were presented with our YWMLA President, Rhoda Magleby, and Coleen Lemmon leading the humorous acts along with a group of Hollywood actors (?) singing "Shall Be Comin' Around the Mountain." They included Shirley Mae Johnson, Shirley Packrell, Stanley Hunt, Bob Cannon, Shirley Gibbs, and Carl Johnson. Singing, dancing, instrumental numbers, poems, and readings were all a part of this entertaining evening.

Art and Lillian Chomor, the dance instructors for the M. I. A., are teaching the Pittsburg Saints, old and young, many very clever folk dances. Response is excellent and many hours of folk dancing have already been enjoyed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Irel Barrus on Sunday, February 23rd was an 8½ pound baby girl. Congratulations to the Barrus family.

The Gold and Green Ball is scheduled for March 15. Marian Dansie and Keith Epling are working hard at this biggest affair of the season and from all reports a gala evening is in store.

Either Pittsburg is growing or the Legion Hall is getting smaller. From the attendance at Sunday School lately the former is our conclusion. A Chapel! a Chapel! My Kingdom for a Chapel!

The bright social forecast for the month of March is the Gold and Green Ball on the 14th, a semi-formal party. "We'll be seeing you there!"

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Second row, 1st Quorum: Edward J. Phillips, Secretary; Guston E. Nordstrom, President; Donald W. Wall, 2nd Counselor; 3rd Quorum: Wm. M. Powell, 1st Counselor; 6th Quorum: J. R. Schow, 2nd Counselor; Frank A. Miller, President; James Stam, 1st Counselor. 2nd Quorum: Howard Marsh, 1st Counselor; Wilford Nelson, Secretary; Donald A. Rowberry, President.—Photo by Ed Pyle.

"Be Ye Clean That Bear The Vessels of the Lord"

Elder Melvin Lewis spoke at quarterly conference of three key principles of cleanliness:

1. Be ye clean through service: clean from the sins of this generation. Keep busy in righteous living. 2. Be ye clean through obedience to the principles of the Gospel: a constantly fed faith and continuous repentance. 3. Be ye clean through seeking contacts with heavenly forces: individual and family prayer and fasting until one lives near to the Lord in spirit day by day.

Willard Elden Ellis of 1st Quorum of Elders outlined three factors of success supplied by weekly quorum presidency meetings.

1. Administration factors: planned meetings. 2. Spirituality factors: each of the presidency builds up a needed, constant renewing of spiritual ardor in the others and all thus grow in effectiveness. 3. The personal factors: each of the presidency senses an individual remuneration from faithful work well done and well planned.

Elbert Gleason of the 4th Quorum of Elders urged the need of labor with and for the "G. I." elders' adjustment to church and civilian needs. "Get down on your knees: prayers are answered," testified Elder Gleason. He told of hearing his own sons words in a dream during the war, declaring, "I won't come home." We need to help those who did come home.

"How We May Best Honor Our Fathers and Mothers", was ably presented by Herbert Layton, Jr. of Richmond.

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Hayward Ward News

All friends and former members of Hayward Ward are cordially invited to the annual Ward reunion party Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 o'clock. A fine program has been planned under the direction of Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. Alice Nelms and Mr. Clifford Johnston. A dance will be held following the program. Meeting place will be the Dania Hall on First Street, by the Markham school.

March 29 is the date that has been set for the vocal concert by Mary and Rex Bolles. Originally planned for the month of February, an emergency forced its postponement to the new date. It will be held in the Elmhurst hall at 8:15 p.m. John Truscott will be accompanist and intermission so-loist.

Proceeds of the concert are to go to the Chapel building fund.

Members of the choir are now re-voting the first few minutes of each practice night to a text on musical and vocal fundamentals. Intend primarily to aid members of the volunteer choir. It gives both director and singer the other's viewpoint and problems. Harold Wiseman, director, has expressed the hope that the class will lead to a fuller enjoyment of singer participation.

Shirley Kirk was chosen Queen of the Hayward Ward in the finals at the Sweetheart ball on February 11. Tiny Marjorie Smith and Hal LaPray presented her with her crown. Her attendants at the ceremony were Donna Webb, Helen Emerson and Jean Sheppard. Shirley is a student at San Jose State College.

Maxwell Park Ward News

Bishop Stewart returned February 15th following a month's visit in New York. He reports a most enjoyable trip and while there he was privileged to visit several of the wards in New York State.

We congratulate our basketball team on their success in winning all their games in this area, this being the second successive year they have won the honor of representing this area in the competition at Salt Lake City. The third Thursday of each month has been designated for the "General Cottage Meeting." It will be held on March 20th, at the home of Hazel Matheson, 3027-60th Avenue. A cordial invitation to attend is issued to everyone interested in this work.

Honoree at a stork shower given February 10th, was Marjorie Hawkins. Hostesses were the Gleaner Girls. The party was given at the home of their leader, Beatrice Larsen. Tuesday, February 11, the M. I. A. held their Valentine party. The Junior Girls were honored and Norma Williams was chosen "Sweetheart" of the evening. It was a lovely party and lots of fun.

March 22nd is the date planned for the Ward Gold and Green Ball. Plans are under way to make this a most gala occasion.

Our Primary Officers are working diligently on the Primary Conference. The theme for the evening is "Our Pioneers." A splendid program is being planned.

The Relief Society is progressing wonderfully both spiritually and socially. The ladies of the ward are cordially invited to attend.

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Oakland Stake Calendar
March

Fri., Mar. 7	Dancing—Featuring Folk Dances—Dimond	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 8	M-Men and Gleaner Party—Service Men's Home	8:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 9	M. I. A. Stake Leadership—Elmhurst	2:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 14	Stake Assembly Dance (Orchestra) Elmhurst	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 15	Junior's Party—Service Men's Home	8:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 21	Folk Dance and Oakland Ward Bazaar—Oakland	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 22	Beehive - Scout Party—Service Men's Home	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 23	Dimond Ward Bazaar—Dimond	8:00 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 28	Maxwell Park G. & G. Ball—Maxwell Park	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 29	Oakland Stake Leadership—Dimond	2:00 p.m.
	Stake Assembly Dance (Orchestra)—Oakland	8:30 p.m.
	Hayward Musical (Building Benefit)—Elmhurst	8:30 p.m.

April

Fri., Apr. 4	Dancing—Folk Featured—Elmhurst	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 5	Spingo Party—Service Men's Home	8:30 p.m.

Berkeley Stake Calendar
March

Fri., Mar. 7	Relief Society Union Meeting—Berkeley Ward	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 8	M-Men and Gleaners March Wind Party—Service Men's Home	8:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 9	S. S. Union Meeting—Berkeley Ward	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 15	Jr. M - Men and Jr. Girls' Spring Festival—Service Men's Home	8:00 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 21	Primary Stake Union Meeting—Berkeley Ward	1:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 23	Stake Leadership Meeting—Vallejo Ward	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 23	Stake Fireside—Berkeley Ward	8:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 28	M-Men and Gleaners Election Banquet—Berkeley Ward	8:00 p.m.

April

Wed., Apr. 2	M. I. A. Board Meeting—Berkeley Ward	8:00 p.m.
?	Junior Girls Campsite Social	
Sat., Apr. 5	Special Interest Party—Service Men's Home	9:00 p.m.

Music at
Berkeley Stake

(Continued from Page 1)

Robert Sant, stake chorister, led the congregational singing at various conference sessions and also had general charge of all music at the conference.

In the 7:00 p. m. Sunday session Vallejo's M-Men and Gleaner Girls' Chorus, directed by Clair Lewis with Dorafaye Lewis Olsen, accompanist, and Irene Knight and Vernal Lewis solist, rendered in a grand spirit, "True to the Faith" by Stephens.

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M - Men & Gleaners

This twenty-fifth anniversary program was another milestone in M.I.A. progress. It was a notable program of talks and lyrical numbers at Berkeley Stake's quarterly Conferences' concluding sessions, Sunday, February 16, 1947, at 7:00 p. m., C. Hampton Price presiding and Allan Woolley conducting. Roy Clovis led in the congregational numbers, Frances Beniam rendered "Meditations" by Massenet on the organ, Florraine Price of Napa Ward sang "King of Glory" by Parks, accompanied by Laura Marie Nightwine, and Berkeley Ward Gleaner Girls gave a choral reading of the "Twenty-Fourth Psalm", accompanied by Mary Russell Burton. Vallejo's M-Men and Gleaner Girl chorus sang "True to the Faith" in a very finished manner.

Stake Gleaner Manual Supervisor, Ellen R. Cook was general director with Catherine Hopkins of

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News

Claremont Ward welcomes our new bishop, A. Seldon Millward, with warmth and friendliness. To our former bishop, Don C. Wood, we express our sincere gratitude for the faithful, capable leadership of the past five years.

After winning the Berkeley Stake Mutual Basketball Tournament, the Claremont team met Mission Ward, winners of the San Francisco Stake Tournament, in a fast close game February 20. Mission Ward was ahead in the first half with Claremont forging ahead in the second. The last few minutes of play, Mission luckily scored four additional baskets winning the game by a close score.

Bishop Wood officiated in the wedding of Dan Redmond and Suzanne Kenney February 14th at The Little Chapel of the Flowers.

Also on February 14th in the Idaho Falls, Temple, Faye Buchmiller of Rexburg, Idaho, and Russell Kern were married. They are students at the B. Y. U.

From England comes the word that Don Wood, Jr. has been appointed president of the Hull District. James Bragg and Daryl Dangerfield were ordained Elders recently and the Deacons have a new member—Jeffery Millward, ordained February 23.

In line with their progressiveness, the Relief Society has augmented their equipment by purchasing two sewing machines, a work cabinet, ironing board and iron.

Scout Item
Claremont Boy Scout Troop No. 18 are planning a paper drive for the 29th of March. Money secured from this project will be used on their summer trip to Salt Lake to attend the Centennial Camp.

L. D. S. Florist
In Montclair

An Oaklander could scarcely answer the following question objectively, but we of Berkeley ask you of Oakland this question: What young section of Oakland best gives one the pulsing impression of a busy new section of Southern California?

And while you're all rising to "boost" your pet little business section, I'll risk my editorial neck by the fool-hardy answer: The Montclair district up on Mountain Boulevard at the intersection of Moraga Avenue. You who dash past this little business district at 40 mph might get an eye-opener if you'd park the old bus and walk around that small shopping center with its rich, rapidly growing hillside residence borderland. It's all as new as dawn and as thrilling as the break of day. Don't you take anyone's word for it. See it and then be the judge. It's fun and it's an education.

So we walk into the LeRoy Florist at 6134 Medau Place and talk to Brother LeRoy. His shop itself is a version of the new in shop design. See that floor-level goldfish and lily pond just inside and also outside the front window; and those elegant flower arrangement pieces and figurines, beside all the colorful florist's jars of flowers. I learned on the side of his hundreds of well-to-do regular customers and a growing business.

Across from LeRoy is to rise now a new super-market, and a bank, and next to the bank a huge moving picture palace. If one has a business to start and is looking for a swanky substantial new district he or she couldn't do better perhaps than to give the Montclair Shopping District a good once-over.

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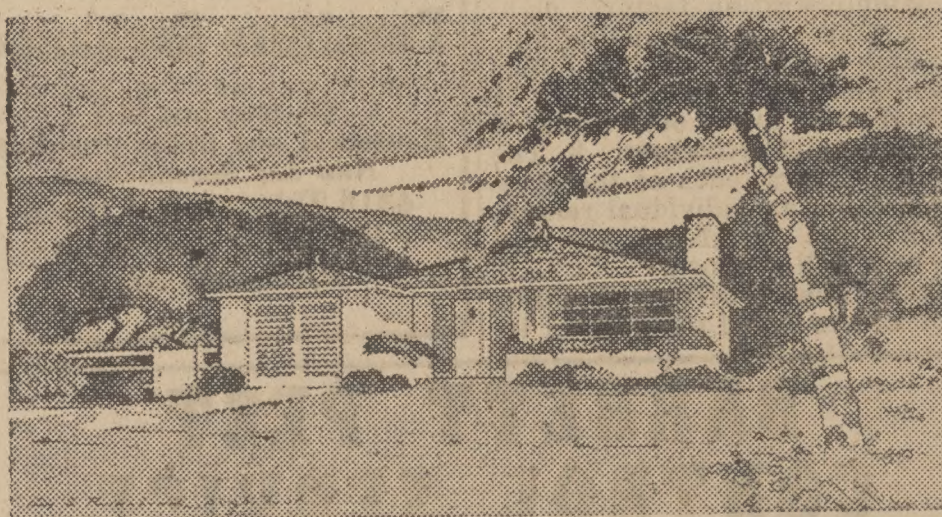
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